

PROPHET, PRIEST, & KING

Part 6



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“The Temptation: Jesus as Prophet, Priest, & King”

Background

The Incarnation: Jesus’ birth comes in fulfillment of the OT _____ of Messiah.

His Early Life: Jesus’ early life demonstrated the reality that He was fully _____.

His Baptism: Jesus’ baptism began His public ministry and showed that He came to _____ with His people.
It also affirmed the ministry of John the Baptist, confirming that humanity needed to be cleansed and restored.

The Temptation — Luke 4:1-12

Initial Observations:

1. “_____ of _____” Imagery

Luke 3:22b— “... and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

⇒ This verse emphasizes Jesus’ unique relationship to God. That He is God’s “son” in this sense emphasizes that they are of the same *substance*, that is, He is co-equal with God (i.e. Jesus is God in flesh).

Luke 3:38c— “...the son of Adam, the son of God.”

⇒ This verse emphasizes Adam’s unique relationship to God and Luke’s goal is to equate Jesus as God’s “beloved Son” with Adam, “the son of God.” Jesus’ humanity = Adam’s humanity (before he sinned).

2. The Role of the _____

Luke 3:22a— “and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove...”

⇒ In the OT, the Holy Spirit came upon prophets (Ezek. 2:1-3), priests (2 Chron. 24:40), and kings (1 Sam. 16:13). Jesus being anointed with the Spirit at His baptism aligned with the OT expectations regarding Messiah (Isa. 11:2, 42:1, 61:1).

Luke 4:1-2— And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

⇒ It is the Holy Spirit who fills Him and leads Him into the wilderness to face the Adversary.

3. The reality that God _____ His people in order to refine them.

⇒ In each age (dispensation) of biblical history God tests mankind. Will man respond to God’s Word and worship Him alone? He also, however, tests His people, refining them so that the truth of who they are and the reality of His work in and through them might be displayed to others.

God’s people are to be _____ in contrast to an unfaithful world!

Understanding the True Nature of the Temptations:

- Behind Satan’s words in each of the temptations there is an implied questioning of the authority and character of God.
- In each of Jesus’ responses He states that “it is written” and then quotes from the book of Deuteronomy, emphasizing the importance of the written Word. The wider context of each quotation is Deuteronomy 6-8 where Israel is instructed as to how they are to faithfully love and worship Yahweh.

Temptation #1 — (Luke 4:2-4)

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, '*Man shall not live by bread alone.*'"

- Satan's focus is on the seeming injustice of Jesus's circumstances.
→ "If you're really God's Son, you shouldn't be experiencing this difficulty."

The Implied Question: If God tests His people like this, can He really be considered _____?

- Jesus' response is a partial quotation from Deuteronomy 8:3

Deut. 8:2-3 — And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

Jesus' Implied Response: God is good because His testing of mankind is _____, teaching them to trust that it is the Word of the Lord alone which truly sustains them!

Temptation #2 — (Luke 4:5-8)

And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, '*You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.*'"

- Satan is aware of Jesus' mission to establish the Kingdom of God which was promised in the OT. He offers the kingdoms of the earth to Jesus right then if only He will worship him. → "Why wait for God's kingdom, I'll give you one right now."

The Implied Question: Is God really _____?

- Jesus' response is a partial quotation of Deuteronomy 6:13

Deut. 6:13 — It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.

Jesus' Implied Response: God is the sovereign king over all who alone is to be _____!

Temptation #3 — (Luke 4:9-12)

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, '*He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,*' and '*On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.*'" And Jesus answered him, "It is said, '*You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.*'"

- Satan quotes from Ps. 91:11-12 in order to get Jesus to seek a demonstration of God's presence with Him.
→ "Since you keep quoting the Bible, here's a verse that says He will physically demonstrate His presence with you."

Implied Question: Is God's _____ really with you if "all" you have is His Word?

- Jesus' response is a partial quotation of Deuteronomy 6:16

Deut. 6:16 — "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah."

Exod. 17:7 — And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Jesus' Implied Response: God's _____ is proof of His presence!

- Jesus actually fulfills Ps. 91 through His faithful worship of God! Ps. 91:13 — You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

Jesus as Prophet, Priest, & King

⇒ As Prophet, Jesus knew the _____ and spoke it accurately and authoritatively.

⇒ As Priest, Jesus guarded His own _____ according to the Word of the Lord, obeying and worshiping God.

⇒ As King, Jesus faced the Adversary of His people on their behalf, remaining _____ where they had fallen away and been deceived.